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November 13,1937.

My dear Dr.Robinson:-

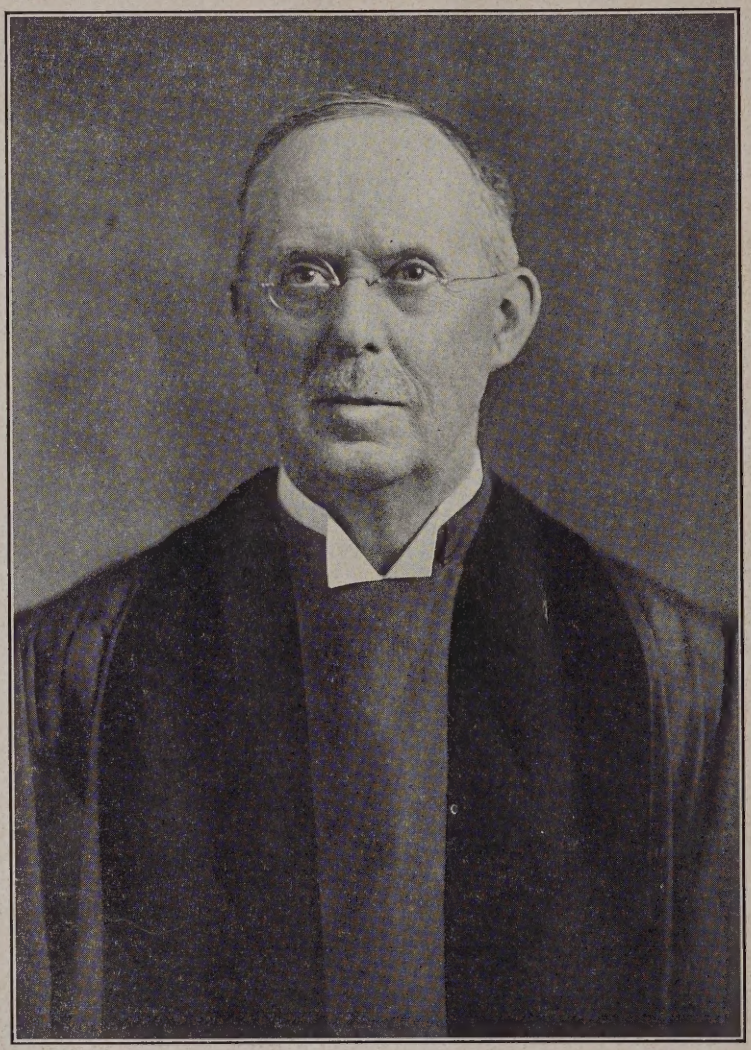
It was good to hear from you,and let me thank you for the information concerning the Thompsons. I have already looked them up--him at the office,her at the home,507 West Liberty Street. I saw also the younger of the children,who eyed me with interest. I will put some of my people on the tracks of this new family. Mrs.Thompson has a disposition to mingle with the Church people as soon as she can find a nurse maid to care for the little ones.

I hope you are enjoying at least comfortable health. I hear from you now and then through the Georges,who were,as you know,Delhi people. My memory,too,often goes back to Syracuse,and our association there in Church work. My very best wishes for you and yours.

Very cordially,

Philip H. Cole.

In Memoriam



Rev. John Calhoun, D. D.

September 22, 1863 = October 16, 1937

Pastor of Mt. Airy Presbyterian Church

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"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report." Hebrews 11:1, 2.

As we remember today the life and work of Dr. Calhoun we find the second verse of Hebrews, chapter eleven, significant. It was as a man of faith that he ministered in this Church for forty-one years; and by that ministry of faith he obtained a good report. During these years he went in and out among you as the under-shepherd of Christ, and led this people by still waters and in green pastures. All of us had hoped that he would continue with us to help and counsel us and be a benediction for years to come. But the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, the Great Head of the Church, had other plans for His beloved servant. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them. (Rev. 14:13.)

As a man of faith, Dr. Calhoun was a devoted servant of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Psalmist gives us words with which to testify about this servant of his Lord: I have set the Lord always before me (Psa. 16:8). Thou wilt shew me (cause me to know) the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore (Psa. 16:11). His life echoed David's prayer: Shew me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths (Psa. 25:4). And — The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him; and He will shew (cause to know) them His covenant (Psa. 25:14). Dr. Calhoun knew God and the secret things of His Grace in Christ.

To many of you he was a father in the faith (1 Cor. 4:15). Through his witness you learned to know Christ as your own Saviour. By his ministry of the Word you were rooted and built up in the faith. His own faith was simple, childlike trust in Christ and His Gospel. Knowing Whom he had believed he was glad to testify to you of Christ's saving power unto salvation.

Through the years this Church has grown and prospered as a true Church of Christ, known abroad for her deeds of faith, her benevolences and her consolations. She has been a

ship of safety to many distressed and harassed spirits. The sick have been encouraged. The sorrowing have been comforted. The dying have been commended to the Saviour's Love. No one of you has loved this Church more devotedly than Dr. Calhoun. His high estimate of you touched my heart when we talked about his beloved people. Surely we have a legacy of loyalty to Christ's glorious Church, purchased with His own precious Blood. Let us continue through the years ahead consecrated to Christ and His work in this Church where Dr. Calhoun labored so arduously, and which he loved so devotedly and steadfastly.

There is another message for us all today. You remember the great and aged apostle John called the people to whom he wrote his first Letter his "little children" and his "beloved". We can hear again Dr. Calhoun's message to us in the words of St. John:

> "And now, little children, abide in (Him) Christ; that, when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before Him at His coming (1 John 2:28). Beloved, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the children of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not. Beloved, now are we the children of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is (1 John 3:1, 2). My little children, . . . if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world (1 John 2:1, 2). Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. And this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (1 John 4:11; 5:4).

And now may I bear witness in this memorial statement to my own regard for your beloved Pastor. I have read again his letters to me. They are full of encouragement for me and pledges of loyal support. I can never forget his generous charge to you when he spoke to you of my coming here to be his successor, and his urging you to pray for us and our work

among you. He treated me so graciously; I will ever call his name blessed.

Finally, the words of our Lord Jesus come to me. They were words spoken to His disciples. So they are law and light for me. As I take up Dr. Calhoun's work among you, our Lord speaks to me: Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour; other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours (John 4:35-38).

As I enter upon the labours of Dr. Calhoun, I pray God to guide me in the work with you as my fellow-labourers, and to bless us all, minister and people, as we here consecrate ourselves to that Faith wherein he obtained a good report.

Now unto Him that is able to do abundantly above all that he ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen. Ephesians 3:20, 21.

Given by Rev. Theodore Charles Meek
in the Mt. Airy Presbyterian Church
The Lord's Day, October 24th, 1937.

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My dear Dr. Robinson.

Thanks for your words in praise of our dear old friend Jack Calhoun. It was all deserved and 1000 more. He was one of the loveliest men I ever knew.

Sorry that things in the church are in such bad shape.

Princeton has gone to the dogs, with Mackay, Brown + Homrighausen little better than Union Seminary now.

Startling about McEwan. A whole lot of people have died from pneumonia in the last month. I am just getting on my feet from an attack of bronchial pneumonia, and the Dr to whom I applied when first sick is to be buried today from the same cause.

Hope you are well + that I shall often see your name in the Presbyterian

Yours as ever - David S. Clark.

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VIRGIL M. COSBY, MINISTER
4418 Harrison Street, N. W.

September 30, 1937

Dear Dr. Robinson:

The enclosed program will give you the time of your address. It will be the second address on Wednesday night and we hope the program moves along smoothly so you can speak at your scheduled time, 8:15.

I'm sure we would be glad to see you at any or all meetings of synod and invite you to be with us. Perhaps you might be able to come with some of our men- McClellan at Bovina.

I will enclose a letter mailed to delegates. Perhaps you have friends or relatives at Salem with whom you plan to stay but if not will you please fill in the blank on the bottom of the letter and mail to Dr. Hemphill and a place will be reserved for you for Wednesday night. Or if you notify me, I will take care of it.

I believe we have a splendid program and will enjoy hearing you. If there is anything I can do for you just let me know. I'm certain the Program Committee will see that you receive your expenses and an honorium.

It will be good to see you again.

Most sincerely yours,

Virgil M. Cosby

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Stated Clerk: Rev. Virgil M. Cosby
4418 Harrison Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

September 20, 1937

Rev. W. Cortland Robinson
Delhi, New York

Dear Dr. Robinson:

The Program Committee of Synod had asked Dr. Alexander Allison of Bridgeport, Conn., to speak on Wednesday evening. Dr. Allison has just gotten home from the hospital and his doctor does not permit him to make any speaking engagements for the next few weeks.

Dr. William Brown said that Salem was your home community and wondered if I couldn't prevail upon you to be our speaker. I'm sure you could give to us a message of challenge backed by your wonderful life in the ministry. Some of us young fellows need to hear the testimony such leaders as yourself have to offer us. You may choose your own subject. You know the United Presbyterian denomination and I really would prefer hearing you than any other because you do know us and perhaps could talk more to the point of our need than one who isn't acquainted with us.

I'm sure you remember me as formerly being at Oneonta. Our work here goes along real well and we have enjoyed living in our nation's capital.

I hope you will be able to be with us- and the date is Wednesday, October 13, 1937. I'm not certain just what remuneration the Program Committee pays to their speakers but you can be certain that it will be something plus your expenses. Dr. Brown asked me to write you because I was acquainted with you.

As our program goes to print the last of this week or the first of next at the latest, I hope you can let me know by return mail, and I trust it will be a favorable reply.

Most cordially your friend,

Virgil M. Cosby

REV. PHILIP B. COOLEY
EAST MEREDITH
NEW YORK

October 13, 1937

Dear Dr. Robinson;

You will remember that I asked your advise about the Seneca Falls church at the last Presbytery meeting. Some of my friends near there have been pulling for me, and the suggestion has been made that one of the prominent ministers in our Presbytery confirm their recommendations. I wonder if it would be imposing too much on your kindness to ask you to help me again in your capacity as Moderator?

We have been in Oneonta all day with the Christian Education Crusaders sent out by the Synod. All in all it has been a profitable day.

Helen joins me with kindest regards for you and Mrs. Robinson.

Sincerely,

Philip

P. S. The leading member of the Pulpit Committee is Dr. W. F. Lester M. D. Seneca Falls, N. Y.

REV. PHILIP B. COOLEY
EAST MEREDITH
NEW YORK

June 19, 1937

Dr. W. Cortland Robinson, D. D.
Delhi, New York

Dear Dr. Robinson;

It was pleasant to see you the other day, and I trust that you understood my rather hasty departure in order to reach the Oneonta bank before closing time.

I do appreciate your interest in my work and future, and your offer to use your influence in my behalf. It has just been brought to my attention that the Stone Street church of Watertown, N. Y. is vacant. I wonder, if through your previous associations in that Presbytery, you would know of the desirability of that church, and if you thought I was fitted for it you would care to suggest my name?

We have had a busy week here preparing for a miniature youth conference of our own, I have long regreted that our church could not afford to send any of the young people to the summer youth conferences, so we decided to have one of our own. We have borrowed Helen's parent's summer home at Summit lake for a week and are taking 15 of our young people there where we plan to give them as near as possible the same instruction they would receive in a recognized conference.

We would be delighted to have you and Mrs. Robinson visit us at the camp any time from June 22nd. to June 29th. Summit lake is between Richmondville and Stamford, and we shall be at the Ryder cottage.

Cordially yours,

Philip

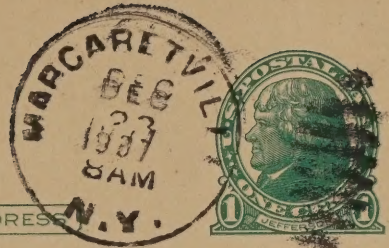
Margaretville
Wednesday.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Received in A.M. mail note from Craig of action at Presbytery Monday. Expected to be there and unable to do so.

I leave for the South tomorrow — to remain until Jan 23. My elder Mr Dugan knows most details of Coxsville situation as well as people most vitally concerned and will be at meeting Jan. 4 of course cannot be at that meeting but will attend any that are necessary at a later date. Sincerely hope it is possible to get matters there ironed out.

Regards
D. N. Chapin



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The Rev. W. C. Robinson, D.D.
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Feb. 13, 1937.

Dr. & Mr. W. Courtland Robinson,
Delhi, N. Y.

My dear Dr. & Mrs. Robinson:

I realize that it is late to express my appreciation and thanks for the sincere greetings which you sent to me at Christmas time, but I have been unusually busy since then and have not found an opening in which I could express my thanks for this kindly remembrance.

I sincerely hope that Dr. Robinson is keeping well, and that he is able to minister to some extent in the work of the church to which he is so devoted. I miss the contacts that I used to have with him at the directors meetings in Philadelphia, but I shall never forget his loyalty and devotion to the cause of Christ. A deep impression was made upon me in our contacts over which I continually rejoice.

With the best of wishes for your happiness and blessings through out the new year, I remain,

Cordially yours,

H. P. Crowell

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